

COLLUSION CHARGE WARMLY RESENTED

Principals of Schools Heartily
Indorse Present Course
and Methods.

NO SCHOOLS ARE VISITED

Members of Committee Conspicuously
Absent at Manual
Training Exhibit.

Resenting the insinuation in remarks of Alderman Mitchell of collusion among witnesses, three principals of public schools who had testified before the special committee of the City Council last night in regard to the conduct of the public schools, returned to the stand claiming personal privileges, and denied that the principals' association had discussed the pending investigation or formulated any concert of action in regard to testimony. Superintendent J. A. C. Chandler also entered a denial of having "coached" any witness. Witnesses heard last night were John T. Fontaine, principal of Chimborazo School; Clarence A. Dunaway, principal of Sidney School; and C. A. Taylor, principal of John Smith School.

Called by Chairman Pollock in support of the contention of the Elementary Teachers' Association, all three proved to be strong witnesses for the School Board, approving the present methods of conducting the schools, the teaching of manual training and kindred topics, and the present time allotment. Chairman Pollock refused to call at this time Joseph H. Saunders, principal of the William F. Fox School, who is known to have "progressive" views in regard to the conduct of the schools, as opposed to the "reactionary" views of the Elementary Teachers' Association. It was announced that other principals would be called to the stand at a meeting to be held on Friday of next week. Superintendent Chandler stated that after the Elementary Teachers' Association had rested its side, he would ask permission to take the stand himself and to introduce witnesses in behalf of the public school system.

Chairman Pollock said that Dr. Chandler and members of the School Board would be heard, but the committee has never acted on the request of the board that expert educators be summoned to criticize and pass upon the curriculum, time allotment and methods of conducting the Richmond schools. Dr. Chandler also called attention to the fact that the School Board had invited the Investigating Committee to visit the schools and inspect their actual operation, but as far as the committee has made no such visit, and active school work will close within a week.

Fail to Visit Any Schools.
Mr. Pollock said it would be impossible for members of the committee at this time to visit the schools. Only three Councilmen, it was stated, visited the exhibit of manual training work at the John Marshall High School.

Mr. Fontaine, the first witness last night, would not change the time allotment of the various subjects taught, having compared it with that of many cities where the schools stand high. He believed fully in manual training, and said that too much time was not being devoted to it. In his judgment the physical exercises are so arranged that if faithfully carried out they will develop every muscle of the body. Mr. Dunaway thought the period given to supervised writing sufficient. He believed that more time was given here to the so-called "fundamentals" than in most cities, and stated that the teaching in the so-called "nonessentials" was practically universal in modern school systems. Mr. Taylor considered manual training a necessity. He believed in the note teaching of music, and in scientific physical exercises.

Mitchell Charges Collusion.
The announcement of Chairman Pollock at adjournment that other principals would be called at the next meeting, brought Alderman Mitchell to his feet in protest. It was evident, he thought, that the principals were of one mind, and he suggested that their further hearing was a waste of time. The principals had their association, and those heard were no doubt representative of the views of all.

The principals had no doubt agreed among themselves, he asserted, as to what line they would take. This brought S. D. Turner, chairman of the Principals' Club, to his feet in protest, but Chairman Pollock refused to allow Mr. Turner the floor, even to deliver the organization attacked. Rising to a question of personal privilege, Superintendent Chandler

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ler regretted that such an insinuation should have been made in a hearing where all parties were earnestly striving to do what was best for the schools. Messrs. Fontaine, Dunaway and Taylor each in turn asked to be allowed to make a statement, and each denied any collusion or any concert of action, stating that the views they had expressed were their individual opinions. The meetings of the Principals' Club, it was stated, were largely social in character, the only matter of school policy recently discussed having been a uniform plan for conducting the final examinations.

No Motion for Principals.
It was not made clear why it was such an offense in the minds of members of the committee for the principals to form a club, or take part in a conference, when the Elementary Teachers' Association, comprising about 225 out of the 500 teachers on the city pay roll, has acted as a unit, securing for its own members all of the salary increase provided for the schools in this year's budget, and has testified as a unit in its effort to discredit the present methods of conducting the schools.

Just as the committee was about to adjourn, a clipping from an afternoon paper, purporting to be resolutions adopted by the East End Citizens' Association, was handed to the chairman. The resolutions, strongly endorsing the course of the Elementary Teachers' Association, and attacking the superintendent of schools, were read and ordered filed.

**TAFT WILL CARRY
BATTLE TO ENEMY**
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Taft and Roosevelt campaign committee was followed by a general of the literary bombardment which has characterized the last two months of the pre-convention fight. A table of delegates prepared by Representative McKinley gave President Taft 535 votes, Colonel Roosevelt 127, Senator La Follette 20, and Senator Cummings 10. Senator Dixon's claim was over 600 for Roosevelt, but he had not prepared a detailed table.

It was tentatively agreed to-night that the plan for the publicity of hearings in contests for delegates would provide for admission to the sessions of two representatives of each press association recognized in the press galleries at Washington.

Frank B. Kellogg, national committee man from Minnesota, tonight announced that he would endeavor to procure the publication of roll calls on each contest case decided.

**WINS PRIZE FOR BEST
PAPER ON CONSUMPTION**
Miss Lulu Shupe, of Seven-Mile Ford, Smyth county, has been awarded the prize of \$10 offered by the Anti-Tuberculosis Association for the best paper on consumption. This prize was offered to public school pupils, members of the school clubs organized last

MONTEIRO SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS

Former Clerk of Goochland
Found to Owe County More
Than \$6,000.

SURETY COMPANY TO BE SUED

Overdrew Salary, Failed to Ac-
count for Taxes, Over-
charged for Work.

According to the report just made to the Board of Supervisors of Goochland county by H. B. Boudar & Son, accountants of this city, the accounts of Moses T. Monteiro, former clerk of the Circuit Court of Goochland, are short in the sum of \$5,999. A supplemental report which the accountants have just completed will bring the total to just in excess of \$6,000.

Upon reception of the report the supervisors indicated their intention of bringing suit in behalf of the county against the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, Mr. Monteiro's surety. It is understood, however, that no criminal proceedings will be brought by the board. Should such action be taken, it will be the instance of the bonding company. Mr. Leslie Spence, Jr., agent for the concern, said last night that no shortage in Mr. Monteiro's accounts has been reported to him or his company, and he was therefore in no position to say if prosecution will result.

Claims to Have Paid State.
If Clerk Monteiro's own reports are to be relied upon, he owes the State nothing, all his indebtedness being to the county. Ashort while since Auditor C. Lee Moore was proceeding to bring suit for the balance due the State from September 1, 1911, to January 1, 1912, when Mr. Monteiro went out of office, but the amount was paid by the surety company. The Auditor's office frequently had trouble with Mr. Monteiro. Once, during the incumbency of Colonel Morton Marye, and again during Captain S. R. Donohoe's term of office, threats of suits on the official bond became necessary to extort payment. Mr. Boudar believes that examination of the State's accounts will disclose a large amount due to the Commonwealth by the former clerk.

The report of Mr. Boudar, as submitted to the supervisors, shows how the money was secured. For the first six-year term of the former clerk, from 1906 to 1908, he overdrew his own salary in the sum of \$1,600, and in the second term, from 1908 to 1912, he overdrew it \$577. Large amounts of delinquent taxes were collected by him, on which he gave no official receipt, made no record and gave no accounting. Many checks and letters acknowledging the receipt of money, which was never credited, are in possession of the Boudars.

Cost of Indexing Books.
Perhaps the most remarkable transaction was in the matter of fees for indexing. In 1904 the Board of Supervisors authorized Clerk Monteiro to index the deed books, order books and other official records of the county, at a price of \$25. It seems that in 1906 the clerk drew four warrants, amounting to \$1,600, for this work, and later he drew \$750. Not half of the deed book indexing has been completed, and the order books have not been indexed at all. Not more than one-third of the work has been done, and yet the clerk has drawn \$2,350, when he agreed to do it all for \$25. He claims he was due the amount he drew.

Severe censure is visited by the Boudar reports on the Board of Supervisors. The shortage could never have occurred, it is stated, but for the gross sort of negligence on the part of board in attending to the public business. It seems to have been composed of supervisors who never supervised and who disregarded the people's interest.

The people of Goochland, according to the personal observation of Mr. Boudar, seem to have faith in Mr. Monteiro's personal honesty and to attribute his troubles to lax business methods. This accounts for the unwillingness to prosecute him criminally.

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Specialization

is the keynote of modern achievement. When you want authoritative knowledge—exact knowledge, full and complete knowledge—on any subject you go to a specialist to get it. Even in the ordinary things of everyday life specialization is necessary and counts greatly with all of us. If you have a horse to be shod, you do not trust a stable-boy to do it (if you value the horse); you have it done by a man who is a specialist in the shoeing of horses.

Specialization is, of course, absolutely necessary for mastery of any of the thousand-and-one more or less technical pursuits of our modern complex civilization. In any court of justice the evidence of the specialist is the only evidence worth having on the technical points of any subject.

Now the question as to whether the People of Richmond can and will be served better and at a lower price by one electric light and power plant or by two such plants is to a very large extent a technical question; for most men have not had the opportunity, or the time, or the inclination perhaps, to make any special study on a large scale of the effects of competition in Public Service. Many people, quite naturally, suppose that if competition is beneficial in any line of business, it must be in all lines; and they let it go at that. They have not studied far enough into this subject to learn the FACT that THE PUBLIC ALWAYS PAYS AN EXTORTIONATE PRICE FOR SUCH COMPETITION, AND ITS EXPLOITER GETS THE MONEY.

In submitting this question to the great Court of Public Opinion, as we are doing in these "Service Talks," we have placed before YOU the evidence of many specialists; and we shall show you evidence from still other specialists, knowing that this is the only real, competent and pertinent evidence that can be adduced on this question. These men KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT. Here is some more evidence that is the result of specialization:

"To continue the farce of allowing competition to regulate prices simply means that good and cheap gas (or electric service) is forever impossible. It will still give to unscrupulous speculators an opportunity to plead legitimate enterprise to such an extent that the latter will become impossible, and the whole business will become so uncertain that only speculators can go into it, which means, of course, HIGH PRICES, GREAT PROFITS, GREAT LOSSES, AND MERCILESS EXPLOITATION OF CONSUMERS."

These are the words of Prof. Edmund J. Jones, Ph. D., of the Wharton School of Finance and Economy, Baltimore, who is recognized throughout Europe and America as one of the greatest authorities on public utility questions, and they are printed in the first volume of the Publications of the American Economic Association.

Which, do YOU think, ought to have more weight in deciding this question of a competing electric light and power plant in Richmond: the absolutely disinterested, unbiased and impartial evidence of such specialists as Prof. Jones and Prof. Meyer, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Judge Cooley, of Michigan, and all the Public Service Commissioners in the land—or the purely selfish plea of the exploiter and the agitator?

Read to-morrow's Service Talk.

Virginia Railway and Power Company,
William Northrop, President.

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STOCK SEASON ENDS SATURDAY

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FORCE OF MARINES SENT TO INTERIOR

This action was taken solely to protect American and other foreign properties, the impression became general that it was a preliminary step to American intervention. This caused considerable excitement at the capital. Later it became known that the landing was in response to an urgent appeal to the commandant of the United States naval station by the Chamber of Commerce of Guantanamo to afford protection to the numerous foreign estates in the vicinity, which the government forces have been unable effectively to guard.

One hundred and twenty additional marines were dispatched this evening to Guantanamo, and the American force probably will be ample to safeguard the foreign properties in that district. There was great excitement in Havana this afternoon on the circulation of a report that four American battleships were on their way from Key West. Towards evening the rumor was current that the ships had been signaled to enter the harbor within an hour. The excitement subsided on receipt of the news that the warships had been ordered to Guantanamo.

The Senate to-day approved the recommendation of the Committee on Laws that the President be empowered to suspend the constitutional guarantees, but only in the province of Oriente. This was approved also by the House of Representatives without opposition. The Senate passed a bill authorizing President Gomez to expend \$1,000,000 for increase of the armed forces.

Of the reports received from various parts of the interior alleging outrages against white women by negroes, the great majority of them lack confirmation. The reported outraging of the daughters of Perez Carazo, a prominent official of Santiago, horrifying details of which have been published, is authoritatively denied. The only authenticated case is that of a school mistress, who later died in a hospital at Santiago.

The government still is without news of military operations in Oriente, except small skirmishes. General Montecarlo is evidently awaiting the decree suspending the constitutional guarantees, which will give him a free hand in dealing with negro conspirators, cutting off communication between them and the rebels in arms. Conditions in other parts of the island continue tranquil. Reports from Santiago say that the rebels are threatening to burn the El Cuero mines belonging to the Penapo

Manganese Company. A force of rurales has been sent there. In a skirmish between rebels and regulars at El Cristo last night several were wounded.

1,500 DELEGATES U.C.T. CONVENTION

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public meeting, there will be two business sessions, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon a reception in the palm room of the Jefferson will be held by the Ladies' Auxiliary. The entire Academy of Music has been reserved for the night, when those in attendance will see the performance of the Lucille La Verne Stock Company, in "The Greatest Thing in the World." To-morrow the visitors go to Jamestown Island on the Pocahontas.

The first witness, it was learned just before the committee left for New York, probably will be A. B. Hepburn, president of the New York clearing house. The hearing is to be held in the customs house and the investigation in the relation of the clearing house with the banks and Wall Street is to be probed deeply.

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